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Leading Communist Party of Indochina Officials

- Dang Xuan Khu, aka Truong Chinh. Secretary-General of the Communist Party of Indochina (PCI). Khu was in Bac Kan when French troops parachuted into the area in October 1947. He managed to escape however and in early 1948 the publication of his book, The Inevitable Victory of Long-Term Resistance, secured him an important position in the Vict linh and won him the support of the people. From early 19h9 the slogar "Long Live Conrade Truon; Chinha appeared at every important Viet inh meeting and his photograph was exhibited under that of No Chi linh. Khu's success is based on these factors:
 - .hen Ho Chi Tinh was placed in charge of Communism throughout Southeast usia, he found it necessary to train someone to take charge of less important domestic problems in Viet Wam.
 - b) The lack of discipline among the high-ranking Communist can-bo, although not apparent, would possibly lead to a state of anarchy on No Chi Minh's death if no successor had been trained to take his place.

In addition to his work as Secretary-General of the PCI, Khu is gradually assuming Vo Nguyen Giap's position as PCI High Commissioner. Recently Khu has been handling such important problems as dissension among Viet Linh brung officers, which he refers to Ho Chi Hinh only if he is unable to solve them. In general, there has been no criticism of Khu's rise in power. Giap, however, is clearly dissatisfied with the situation. In many cases, he refuses to handle even routine problems and insists that they be referred to Khu.

Khm also plans to give political lectures at the Nguyen Ai Quoc School, the political training school of the PCI, and in the government training courses for high-level can-bo. Ho Chi Minh has visited these classes several times.

In public, Thu appears modest and gay. Actually, he is cruel and insensitive.

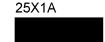
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2. Vo Nguyen Giap, aka Comrade Van. Commander-in-Chief of the Viet Minh army and of the guarrilla militia; Principal Political Commissar of the Viet Minh Tong-bo, the central committee of the PCI. Giap was formerly known to the ethnic minorities of Tan Trao, Quang Nap, Cho Chu and Cao Bang by the secret pseudonym of "Comrade Van". At that time, Giap married a can-bo named "Sister Thanh". After his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Viet Minh Army, however, Giap married another can-bo, the daughter of Dang Thai Mais. They have no children.

The assignment of Dang Xuan Khu as Secretary-General of the PCI, a position of authority equal to that of Giap, is in line with High Command policy of controlling Giap's actions. Giap was named Principal Political Commissar only to save him from embarrassment.

In spite of being a prominent member of the PCI, Giap still retains the manner of a "petit bourgeois."

Pham Van Dong. Vice Prosident of the Ho Chi Minh Government and a high-ranking Commissar in the PCI. After having served as a High Commissioner of the Ho Chi Minh Government in South Central Viet Nam, Dong returned to North Viet Mam in 1949. When Ho failed to secure his appointment as President of the Council, he created the post of Vice President for Dong. Previously the Council had been composed only of Ho and his Ministers. The decree announcing Dong's appointment as Vice President caused alarm among Vietnamese far removed from the government, because it failed to include the name of the President. Ho Chi Minh concurrently assumed the positions of President of the Council and of the National Assembly.

Tong-be members refer to the office of Pham Van Dong as the "Presidency," while Ho Chi Minh's office is actually some place else. Such confusion is the result of unsettled conditions in the Migh Command.

Contrary to the usual policy of Communist leaders, Pham Van Dong's staff includes some non-Communist members. Dong prefers to hire intellectuals, even if they are not Communists. Dong is an active person, with a decisive and simple manner.

4. To Si, aka he Gian, aka Comrade Le. Director General of the Viet Minh
Security Services and a high-ranking Commissar in the PCI. Le Gian ranks
next in importance to Dang Xuan Khu, Vo Nguyen Giap and Pham Van Dong in the
Viet Minh regime. Le Gian is one of No Chi Minh's closest associates and
enjoys his absolute confidence. He spends more time working with No than in
his own office. Since the arrival of the international mission at No Chi
Minh headquarters, Le Gian spends almost all of his time with No.

During Jorld Jar II, Le Gian was one of those parachuted into North Viet Namby OSS. He had been imprisoned in Madagascar after the French surrender to Germany. During his underground activities, he was known as "Conrade Le" by the ethnic minorities.

Although Le Gian did not receive an extensive education, he is quick writted end is well suited for intelligence work. Unlike Pham Van Dong or Dang Kuan Rhu, Le Gian is of a sentimental nature and appreciates good food and wins.

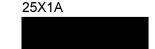
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Political Can-bo

- 5. Ton Duc Thang. President of the Permanent Committee of the National Assembly and a high-ranking Commissar in the PCI. Thang replaced Bui Bang Doan who is paralyzed and is taking a cure in Intersector IV. Thang himself is over 70 years old and his assignment as President of the Permanent Committee of the National Assembly was an honorary one. The Permanent Committee is almost completely inactive.
- 6. Hoeng Quoc Viet. Secretary Ceneral of the Viet Minh Tong-bo.
- 7. Ho Tung Man. Former Chairman of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of Intersector IV. He is now Inspector General of the He Chi Hinh Government. In spite of the importance of his position, the Inspection Committee is made up of only three men, and Man lacks the facilities to carry out his work.

He Tung Law is deeply concerned with the future of Viet Man and the Vietnamese people. Like Muynh Thuc Khang**, he has retained the spirit of the Dong Kinh Mghia Thuc, a school established by a group of Vietnamese revolutionists early in the century to encourage a renaissance of national culture.

- 6. Le Van Hier. Minister of Finance; one of the leading Commissars of the PCI.
- 9. Nguyen Van Tao. Minister of Labor.
- 10. Hguyen Khanh Tean, aka Heng Linh. Sub-Secretary of State to the Hinistry of Education. Tean spent many years in Hoscow and was expected to receive the appointment of Ambassador to Moscow. He was replaced in May 1950, however, by Dueng Bach Maissa.
- II. Tran Van Giau. Replaced Dr. Nguyen Tan Gi Trong as Director General of Information in February 1950. Like Nguyen Khanh Toan, Giau is proud, selfish and arbitrary. In matters of philosophy, he is surpassed only by Ho. He is an excellent spreaker. Giau lacks the sense of discipline expected of a Communist.
- 12. Dui Cong Trung. Like Tran Van Gieu, Dui Cong Trung is a Loscow-educated can-bo. He was graduated from the Stalin School and is a specialist in economics. He is not a capable administrator.
- 13. Xuan Thuy. Director of the newspaper Cum Once. Judging from his editorials in Cum Once, Evan Thuy has few original ideas.

Tuan Thuy's wife is engaged in sauggling. During 1948 and 1949 her sauggling contacts were prominent merchants in Bac Winh and Phuc Yen.

- 14. Tran Huy Lieu. Like Kuan Thuy, Tran Huy Lieu's thinking is out of date and he is losing prestige in the Viet Linh regime. He is working with the Viet Ham Cultural Association.
- 15. Than Duy Hung. Secretary of State to the Winistry of Interior. Hung joined the CI at the close of World War II and became a very active can-be. It is difficult to tell whether Hung is a firm believer in Communism or is an opportunist member of the PCI. He is a close friend of Le Gian and spends a great deal of time with him. Prior to 1965, Hung practiced medicine in Hanoi.

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16. Tran Cong Tuong. Secretary of State to the Limistry of Justice. A member of the PCI, Tuong is in charge of all activities of the Limistry of Justice. He is polite, frank and inclined to sentimentality. Tuong has a serious case of tuberculosis.

Military Can-bo

- General Chu Van Tam. President of the Administrative and Resistance Committee of the Viet Bac Intersector and Commander-in-Chief of troops in that area. Chu Van Tam is of The origin and therefore well suited to deal with the athnic minorities in the Viet Bac, the majority of whom are The. Tam wen the support of the The in the early days of the Viet Hinh resistance movement and the majority of the young The from the Viet Bac have joined the Viet Hinh army. Administrative and military operations in the Viet Bac Intersector are controlled by the headquarters of the Ho Chi Minh Government, where is in that area.
- 18. General Nguyen Son. Commander-in-Chief of Intersector IV. In early 1950, Nguyen Son was recalled from his post for reindoctrination by the Viet Minh Tong-bo.

Mguyen Son rides himself on his intelligence. He has started to write and has hired a well-known writer, Nguyen Tien Languages; to assist him. Nguyen Son spent many years in China and was with LNO Toc-tung and CHU Duc on the Chinese Communist Long Harch. Both Nguyen Son and General Nguyen Dinh are potential Titoists.

Higuyen Son is egotistical in conversation. His gay manner appears to be the result of nervous excitement.

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as Ambassador to Hoscow.

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